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ATTN: Jonathan Bernstein, Esq.

Re: MUR 3774 (National Republican Senatorial Committee)

Dear Mr. Noble:

This is to note for the record our objections to your continued proceedings in the above-captioned matter due to the United States Court of Appeals' decision in FEC v. NRA Political Victory Fund, 6 F.3d 821 (D.C. Cir. 1993). As you have noted in recent FEC filings, the Commission lacked authority to determine for itself the constitutional issues decided in NRA, so raising these matters with the Commission prior to that ruling would have been futile. Also, some of the "remedial" actions, such as purported "ratification," just occurred. However, now that the decision has been handed down and the Commission's initial response to it has been outlined, we wish to be clear that we object to any Commission action inconsistent with the NRA rationale.

Accordingly, please be advised that we object to all past and future activity in this matter attributable to the actions of the unconstitutional agency. Our objections include, but are not limited to, enforcement of rules not adopted by a constitutional agency, purported "ratification" of rules and actions, without findings or compliance with procedural steps mandated by the Administrative Procedures Act or the Federal Election Campaign Act, as well as "ratification" of actions tainted by deliberations influenced by the presence of non-executive branch personnel. Additionally, we believe that the Commission improperly reconstituted itself in response to the NRA decision and therefore its current proceedings are likewise constitutionally suspect. We expressly do not waive any objections to the present form of the Commission and suggest that continued proceedings in this matter under these circumstances are not substantially justified.

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We are confirming these objections to provide formal notice that the Commission's present make-up and/or its actions based on precedents of the judicially declared unconstitutional Commission may be invalid. While I know that you already are familiar with the issues raised in this letter -- indeed, your staff has focused on little else these past few months -- I am prepared to discuss these matters with you in more detail at your convenience. Also, I would welcome any procedural guidance you may offer on how these issues might most efficiently be pursued.

Sincerely,

Jan Witold Baran

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